CONCLUSION

It is believed that the application is now in a condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the rejections made in light of the amendments and remarks presented herein, and that the remaining pending claims be allowed. The undersigned asks that the Examiner contact him at (225) 248-2104 if she has any questions so that early allowance might be reached.

Respectfully submitted,

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